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Hi JP:

If you don't have time to call (580-1787), please know the City does not currently have code provisions addressing what is referred to in this bill as "social host" but would oppose this bill since, at a minimum, it is a further attempt to restrict the City Commission's authority to address community issues related to alcohol.

As for Bozeman, the issues are more complex than just support or oppose because the City has existing code provisions (see 24.05.020, BMC) (link is below) that authorize surcharges for repeated efforts to break up parties. Those provisions authorize the charge against a landlord but to my knowledge they have never been applied to a landlord. Also, I will argue the bill as written does not apply to those surcharges. And we do not want an edit that would limit the city's ability to impose those charges.

Please also know the City's Community Alcohol Coalition has a stated goal of adopting a social host ordinance. I understand such an ordinance was rejected by the city commission in 2002 but I believe the coalition is interested in attempting to obtain passage again. I'm also interested to know if the sponsor ever contacted the City or the coalition to discuss this issue.

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